likely to be later installed in other major cities.

(b) Rs. 6.9 crores approximately.

(c) The cellular mobile radio telephone system is being imported because (i) it is not yet being manufactured in the country; (ii) it is proposed to utilise this technology to provide long distance public telephones in villages.

**Shortage of Polio Vaccines**

2673. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vaccines to combat polio, measles hopatitis and rabies are in short supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to be taken to increase the production of these vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) shortage of Oral Folio Vaccine and Anti-Rabies Vaccines were reported recently from many places

(b) under the provision of the new DPCO, 1987, all vaccines except Hepatitis B have been price decontrolled for increasing indigenous production.

**NTPC Scheme for Andhra Pradesh**

2674. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been framed by the National Thermal Power Corporation to increase the power generating capacity of its projects in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period to meet the power shortage; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for this purpose.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is setting up the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project (3x200 plus 3x500 MW) in Andhra Pradesh for supply of power to the States in the Southern Region. While the 200 MW units have come into commercial operation, the 500 MW units are in various stages of construction. The first two 500 MW units are expected to be commissioned in July, 1988 and July, 1989.

An allocation of Rs. 1100.70 crores has been made for the power station and its associated transmission lines during the Seventh Plan period.

**Supply of Electricity for Agricultural Purposes**

2675. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued necessary directives to State Governments to make arrangements to provide electricity to the farmers for irrigation purposes for at least 12 hours a day; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) State Governments of the drought affected areas have been advised to make arrangements to supply electricity to agricultural sector for at least 8-10 hours daily, preferably during daylight hours.